



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 434**

LCO No. 3217



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

**AN ACT CONCERNING COURT PROCESSES ASSOCIATED WITH  
THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF A VERDICT IN A CRIMINAL PROCEEDING.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2022*) In any criminal  
2 proceeding, after the jury informs the court that they have reached a  
3 verdict in the proceeding, but prior to the announcement of the verdict  
4 in open court, the court, in collaboration with the prosecuting authority  
5 and any victim advocate assigned to the criminal proceeding, shall  
6 provide sufficient advance notice to the crime victim, and any family  
7 member of the crime victim being assisted by a victim advocate, that the  
8 verdict has been reached and is to be announced in court. Such advance  
9 notice shall ensure that the crime victim and family members of the  
10 victim have sufficient time to travel to the court and be present in the  
11 courtroom when the verdict is announced.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	New section
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To ensure that crime victims and family members of crime victims have adequate time to travel to court in order to be in the courtroom when the verdict in a criminal proceeding is announced.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*